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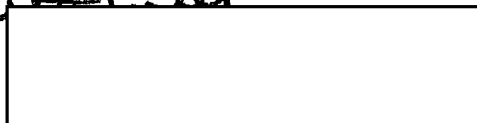
14 May 1976.

Dear Mr. Secretary.

on my return from a
Very long trip overseas I found your kind
letter on the occasion of my forthcoming
retirement. It has been a long and sometimes
rough road from Private to Lieutenant General.
But Challenging and Rewarding all the way.
No one who ever wore a U.S. uniform has
ever been more richly rewarded than
I have. I have been given far more
than my share.

I do not know what I
will do next but I will not be a spectator
rather than a player.

With Every good Wish
and much appreciation
For all



The Honorable Donald Rumsfeld
Secretary of Defense
Washington, D. C. 20301

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON

April 22, 1976

Dear General Walters:

We will miss you, but knowing you, I am confident you will find a way to continue contributing as you have for so many years.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Donald Rumsfeld

Lt. General Vernon A. Walters